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Dear Dr. Lederberg,

Thank you very much for your letter of the 20th May.

Your comments are most helpful and I am sure that some of them at least will find their way into our final document. I have asked for your letter and manuscript to be circulated to all members of CETEX.

The reason why we were so little concerned about contamination of moon dust was that we were determined to be conservative in our recommendations. This whole venture is thought by many people to be so fanciful that we felt that if we allowed our imaginations too much play the Committee's recommendations might be discredited.

Yours sincerely,

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